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DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
Monday Evening, Dec. 7.

The DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the city, at Twenty Cents per week.
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We would be much obliged if our subscribers would inform the carrier at what particular place they desire their papers to be left.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Fresh Malaga grapes at Imboden's. The brass band will play the grand march, which will be something new for dances, on the occasion of their ball.

Andy Kepler's cigars please the mil-
hom.

J. D. Hatfield, of this city, has taken possession of a farm in Moultrie county, to which he will soon remove his family, and make that his home for some time to come.

Kitchen's tea and coffee all O. K. Large numbers of our people who went to church last night unprepared for the rain were wetted by a good shower on their way homeward.

Choice apples at Neidermyer's.

A lot of young fellows occupying a room in the open block got on a little too much old Bourbon yesterday, and kept singing and dancing the whole day long, greatly to the annoyance of all in hearing distance.

At J. Ulrich & Co.'s may be found a full assortment of canned and dried fruits of all kinds.

At Burroughs & Co.'s machine shop night work has again been necessitated by the press of work which cannot be done in the day hours by the hands now employed at this establishment.

E. B. Pratt & Son sell glass and queenware cheaper than the cheapest.

The St. Nicholas' buses have safe drivers and polite conductors and make calls in any part of the city.

Examining those beautiful chomos at J. J. Davis & Co.'s.

A goodly number of loafers and professional jurymen may be seen hanging around the court-house since it is known that jurymen are being sworn in today. The law against this class of professional jurymen should be enforced, and then perhaps there would be less of its violation.

No better opportunity offers to te-
plenish one's supply of boots and shoes than is now found at Geo. F. Wessels'. His stock is new and comprises all the latest styles.

Now is the time to subscribe for periodicals for the coming year. Every body can be supplied, at

7 dawt. Litsinberger & Sutton's.

The brass band ordered a \$45 uniform this morning. That's what we like to see. They give a ball on the 17th, and a grand vocal and instrumental concert on the 20th. Give the boys a crowd.

Nothing is more conducive to health than to keep the feet dry and warm during the snow and slush of winter. In order to do this be sure to provide your selves with some of those waterproof overalls at V. Barber & Co.'s, and also a tall outfit for your feet from their splendid stock of boots and shoes. They have goods for winter wear of all varieties and of the latest style.

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On last evening most people went to church without umbrellas, and found themselves in a bad fix at the close of the services. Some making the best of the situation drew their outer garments closely about them and braved the storm, while others waited for the sun to go home and return with umbrellas.

Circuit Court.—The December term of the circuit court convened at one o'clock to-day, Judge Smith presiding. Upon calling the grand jury it was ascertained that only twenty-one jurors had been selected, instead of twenty-three. Mr. Honor held that the array, therefore, was illegal, and dismissed the jury. He ordered a special venue, however, and as we go to press the Sheriff is summing up the grand jury from the bystanders.

Relief for the Suffering.—At some of our churches collections are being taken up regularly for the Kansas sufferers, and some of the church members are going the rounds of our city, begging in behalf of the sufferers of Kansas and Nebraska. In this quiet way Decatur's people are accomplishing much good, and accumulating a considerable amount of money and clothing, which will soon be shipped to the relief societies of Kansas and Nebraska.

Robbery in Broad Daylight.—Some time yesterday a thief or thieves effected an entrance to Morehouse & Wells' hardware store, by getting into the cellar through an opening upon the alley, on the west side of the building. About

twelve dollars in money were taken and a few pocket-knives, beyond which nothing else was missed. This business of entering stores and dwellings is getting to be so common that it stands people in hand to keep their doors and windows well secured. The city is overrun with sneak-thieves who steal for a living, and the only way to avoid their depredations is to keep things out of sight, and on no occasion leave a house alone.

Prang's New Chromos, at Litsinberger & Sutton's. 17 dawt.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Construction Train Off the Track on the Illinois Midland Railway.

The regular passenger train on the Illinois Midland Railroad, which arrives here regularly at 8:15 p. m., was considerably behind time Saturday night.

When inquiries were made as to the cause, it was ascertained that a construction train had run off the track, and before the track could be cleared the passenger was delayed. The story was told rather big from the passengers on the train, and before it had passed through many mouths it had assumed gigantic proportions. It was told, as a fact, that a large number of section hands had been dangerously, and a few fatally, injured. Indeed, once it was rumored that a dispatch had been received here, asking all the physicians and surgeons in the place to come up to Muroc, to dress wounds and set broken limbs, all caused by the accident.

When the story was got from reliable persons who knew about the accident it was known then that all these big stories had no truth in them, and that the accident was of little consequence. A couple of hours' work from the section hands on the train sufficed to fix up the track and get the train to rights again. One or two workmen were slightly injured, but no dangerous or fatal injury was sustained by any on the train.

All Persons indebted to me will confer a favor by immediate payment to Chas A. Pollock, at my former place of business, or to me in person.

7 dawt. M. D. COFFEE.

Grand Ball.—The brass band will give a grand ball at Brennan's Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th.

A Youthful Thief.—Some days ago a boy made his appearance at the residence of Prof. Will L. Smith, north of the city, and represented himself as the son of Mr. John Stare. He spoke of his father's business, and by the straightforward character of his conversation convinced Mr. Smith of his truthfulness. After he went away, however, it was discovered that some things belonging to the Professor's little son had also disappeared. Among these were a little wagon and set of harness, used by the boy for driving a goat. Inquiry made it was found that the late visitor was not Mr. Stare's son, but a lad named Paris, and Marshal Haworth being informed of the fact went to the house where he lives, in the west part of town, and recovered the harness. We learn that the boy had also a number of other stolen articles in his possession.

Toys, cheaper than any place, at Litsinberger & Sutton's. 7 dawt.

Marshaling of Forces.—This being the day for the opening of the December term of the circuit court, during the forenoon there was a gathering from all parts of the county, of persons summoned to serve as jurors, and of others subpoenaed to attend as witnesses. There was also unusual activity among attorneys, in completing their arrangements for the trial of their cases, or in devising plans for staving them off. Beyond empanneling a jury but little will be done to-day, but to-morrow all hands will get settled down to solid work. Several important cases are pending on both the criminal and the civil dockets.

The "Parlor Kaleidoscope" makes a splendid holiday present. For sale at Litsinberger & Sutton's. 17 dawt.

*The Biggest Thing Yet.—Patterson's perpetual motion machine is nowhere.—A man by the name of Corson, residing in the northeast part of the city, claims to have invented a machine for making cigars, which will do as much work in a day as ten men can, and do it equally as well. It is also reported that many of Corson's friends, who have seen the machine work, are willing to make affidavit that it will do all that is now claimed by its inventor. If this be true, as a large number of Corson's friends claim, Mr. C. has not only made the greatest invention of the period but has immortalized his name.

We predict that if the machine is what it is claimed to be, by the inventor and his friends, it will meet with a lively opposition from the cigar-makers over the country.

Family Bibles, from \$3.00 to \$18.00, at Litsinberger & Sutton's. 17 dawt.

Leg Broken.—On yesterday, as Mr. Dewart Syford was riding on horseback, somewhere near the depot, by a misstep, throwing him off, and falling upon his leg, breaking the small bone just above the ankle and badly spraining the ankle joint. He was first taken to Sweeten's drug store, and from there to his boarding house, Mr. L. P. Bixby's, on North Main street. Dr. McBride was called and set the fractured bone. The ankle is badly swollen, and it will be several weeks before the patient will be able to bear his weight upon his foot.

Another Burglary.—On Friday afternoon some one entered the residence of Mrs. Dunning by breaking a light of glass and raising a window while the family was absent, and took a gold watch and some other jewelry, amounting in all to forty or fifty dollars in value.

The articles were missed immediately upon the return of the family, and the police were notified. It is hardly probable that the thief will be caught, or the articles recovered, as they are of such a kind as is usually concealed and kept out of sight.

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THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.

Construction Train Off the Track on the Illinois Midland Railway.

Religious services were well attended at all the churches yesterday morning, but in the evening a slight sprinkling of rain about the time the bells rang, deterred many from attending that would otherwise have done so.

AT THE BETHEL CHURCH, the United Brethren held quarterly meeting service, and in the morning Bishop Dickson preached a most excellent sermon from the words, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith."

The speaker announced as his theme self-examination, and suggested that the audience mark particularly the phraseology of the text, and note the fact that it told them to examine themselves and not each other.

He went on to say that to examine

themselves as to their spiritual state they must have a standard with which to compare their experience and lives, and very properly remarked that neither dress, feelings nor habits of church going were infallible standards.

The dress might be very plain without heart piety.avarice and evil passions often grew and fattened under a broad-brimmed hat and straight-breasted coat. So people might be very enthusiastic in their feelings, or be regular attendants at church without possessing true piety.

The Bible, he said, was the only infallible standard by which to examine one's self in regard to the matter of faith and christian experience.

The speaker then went to set forth the matters to be investigated in the process of self-examination, and made especially prominent the matter of acceptance with God. On this point he thought every person ought to be fully satisfied, otherwise religion was of no value.

All the points of the discourse were set forth in a clear and forcible manner, and sustained by scripture quotations. In a word, Bishop Dickson it may be said, he is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of life. The discourse held the closest attention of the audience throughout.

The evening Rev. Mr. Best, the Presiding Elder, officiated, and we hear the sermon spoken of as being an earnest and able one.

At the close of this sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The day was one of interest to the society, and the services cannot fail to leave a good impression upon all who were in attendance.

REEDY CHURCH.

The pastor of this church, Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, preached to a large and attentive congregation in the morning, from the words: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

The drift of the discourse was to prove that in Christ is the only "way" through which true peace can be found, the only "truth" that is worth the seeking, the only "life" that is worth the name.

In the evening the sermon was on the parable of the Prodigal Son, and the speaker drew a vivid picture of the sad career of the young man as he left his father's home, and step by step went down to the very lowest strata of human society, and used the sad experience of the prodigal to illustrate that of the sinner in his wanderings from God.

During the summer season, the Missouri PACIFIC and KANSAS PACIFIC THROUGH LINE, via St. Louis and Kansas City, will sell Excursion Tickets from St. Louis to Denver and return, and ninety days from date of issue at extremely low rates, thus affording every one an excellent opportunity to visit the famous resorts of Colorado, among the beautiful parks of the Rocky Mountains.

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The Question Answered.—How Litsinberger & Sutton's employ so many salesmen and sell goods cheap? They keep the largest stock of dry goods in Decatur—they retail more goods than any other dry goods house in the United States, according to population, and their expenses are less in proportion to sales. Besides they are thus enabled to buy most of their goods of first hands and by the case and package, which gives them great advantage over small dealers.

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The Plain Questions for Invalids.—Have the routine medicines of the professions done you good? Are you discouraged and miserable? If so, test the properties of the new Vegetable Specific. Dr. Walker's CALIFORNIA VINEGAR. It is already famous as the finest invigorant, corrective and alternative that has ever seen the light. Dyspeptics and persons of bilious habits should keep it within reach, if they value health and ease.

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FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Large congregations assembled at this church, both morning and evening. In the evening the pastor, Rev. Horace Reed, preached upon "the effect of the actors upon society," taking for a text the words, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." The speaker said that for 2400 years the theater had an existence, and he quoted copiously from the early fathers of the church, the ancient moralists, the eminent infidel authorities, as well as from the more modern authors and celebrities, to show that the tendency of the theater had always been vicious. He admitted that the stage had been graced by some who were pure and virtuous, but while this was true it was the exception, and not the rule, for the mass of actors and actresses were depraved and debauched.

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